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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH
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DIRECTOR

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Dear Local Health Official:

The State of Michigan's role in oversight of mobile home communities is changing because of recent state budget cuts. All funding for the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ's) Manufactured Housing Program was eliminated in the Fiscal Year 2006 budget. The Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG) will be assuming certain responsibilities previously carried out by DEQ.

In past years, DEQ and DLEG have contracted with local health departments (LHD) to assist in conducting annual inspections and complaint response at mobile home communities. This is to inform you that due to budget constraints, DLEG has decided to eliminate funding for LHDs to conduct annual inspections and complaint response at mobile home communities following closeout of all required inspections for FY 2005.

Further, although DEQ will no longer play a primary role in oversight of mobile home communities under the Manufactured Housing Program, it will retain permitting, surveillance, and enforcement authority in certain areas of mobile home communities' operations pursuant to other DEQ programs and statutes. For example, DEQ will retain authority over mobile home communities that utilize privately owned community water supply systems as well as authority over water supply systems within communities which are owned by municipalities. Additionally, DEQ will maintain responsibility for sewage treatment plants that discharge to the surface waters of the state of Michigan and for those below grade septic systems which discharge over 10,000 gallons per day to the groundwaters.

DEQ will no longer retain authority for drainage issues within mobile home communities and those responsibilities will be assumed by DLEG staff. Finally, DLEG will assume responsibility in other areas such as garbage, insect and rodent control, and general operation and maintenance in conjunction with its local partner organizations.

If you have questions regarding this notification, please contact Mark Sisco in DLEG at (517) 241-9302.

Sincerely,

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